I shant be here to fight the battle with them — but the battle must be fought. — there's no dodging it — Then you must be their minister. —

I hear of you occasionally spurring up the *fanaticism* of Massachusetts — that's right! — all hands of us need it — If we only made the wrongs of the slave — our wrongs we should have every energy quickened into the most active exertion —

Please remember me to your Lady — I hope this warm weather will prove beneficial to her health. — Should be exceedingly glad to see you in Providence! —

In haste Yrs Truly

J E Brown

I need not say that I feel mortified at the result of calling Mr Fay — It was what I did not expect. and I am much surprised at it. We've rated our abolition brethren pretty soundly about it — but they are all getting to be Henry C Wright's kind of peace men — i.e. — lay down & be run over without resistance

John E. Brown.

Providence August 8. 1838.

Dr Brother Phelps:

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Since I sold out my store last April with the intention of removing to Phila I have been out of the city so much, absent from home - in Phila & elsewhere that I have had but few opportunities to write you - and even if I did have an opportunity I had nothing of a special nature to communicate - On my return home some two weeks ago I learnt that a very important move had been made of our church - and that a Revd Mr Fay had been called to become their Pastor - I should have written at once but I wanted to wait & hear his response. - No answer has as yet been received - but I hope his answer will be a flat negative - He was here last week to survey his ground - Dea Cady & Andrews had a pretty plain talk with him - How in the world he obtained his call I can't conceive - I suspect our abolition brethren were caught napping - & rested with the assurance of his friends - that he was a good abolitionist - In this matter of fact they appear to have been mistaken as I understand he is very much opposed - If so - he don't set easy in his seat in our old pulpit I can tell you.

Every thing in this city tends to one point as respects abolition in the three Congregational Churches - I predict that before long the abolitionists in Revd Pickwick Tuckers D.D. church and the abolitionists of High Street & Richmond Street will be congregated together in one pure abolition church